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SUBJECT: TIP: PRC RESPONSE TO USG CONCERNS PRIOR TO BEIJING COMMIT MEETING

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11. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel points on the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Treaty and Law Division Deputy Director Xu Yu on December 3.

12. (SBU) Noting that he shared our points with the Ministry of Public Security and other MFA offices, Xu said in a follow-up conversation on December 11 that China welcomed our views and takes U.S. concerns seriously. The COMMIT agenda, he said, was agreed to by the COMMIT member states during earlier preparatory meetings in Bangkok. He wondered why North Koreans were mentioned in our points since COMMIT deals with the Mekong region. Some do not consider North Koreans to be refugees, he said, although he acknowledged that others might see them as trafficking victims. Should any U.S. concerns not be addressed during the Beijing COMMIT meeting, he suggested addressing these issues at the appropriate U.S.-China law enforcement sub-dialogue. Xu did not know if a joint statement would be issued following the Ministerial.

13. (SBU) When asked if China's National Action Plan on trafficking in persons would be released during the COMMIT, Xu demurred, saying only that the event would certainly be a good time for China to release its plan.

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